

Application No. 10/566,478
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-18 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 3-6, 9-10, 12 and 14-15 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

The wording of the claims as they existed after the filing of the amendment of June 6, 2007 did not properly incorporate the wording of the claims contained in the Preliminary Amendment filed January 31, 2006. Accordingly, the amendments contained in that Preliminary Amendment are again entered via amendment in this response.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner has specifically complained that the added term "circular" lacks support in the Specification and Drawings. Accordingly, claims 1 and 6 have been amended by deleting this term.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4, 11, 15, 16 and 18 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 2 has been canceled and its limitations added to claim 1, and claim 11 has been canceled and its limitations added to claim 6. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from only claim 1; claim 9 has been amended to depend from only claim 6; claim 10 has been amended to depend from only claim 9; claim 12 has been amended to depend from only claim 6; claim 14 has been amended to depend from only claim 12; and claim 15 has been amended to depend from only claim 14.

In view of the aforementioned amendments, claims 1, 3-10 and 12-18, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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